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United States District Court
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number: .

V.

LEE PAO VUE

MS-11-26-SER

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about January 14, 2011, in Ramsey County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant(s) did unlawfully, knowingly, and intentionally distribute or possessed with intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section(s) 841(a) and (b)(1)(C).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

Date

The Honorable Arthur J. Boylan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

[Signature]
Signature of Complainant
Andrew J. Mento, Jr.
FBI

St. Paul, MN
City and State

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Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss. **AFFIDAVIT OF SA ANDREW J. MENTO, JR.**

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

1. Your Affiant is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Minneapolis Division, and has been so employed for approximately 20 years. Your Affiant is currently involved in the investigation of violent crime and drug violations. The information in this affidavit is based upon confidential reliable informant information, physical surveillance, controlled drug purchases and the analysis of records. Also, the information in this affidavit is based upon investigation personally conducted by your Affiant, as well as information obtained by your Affiant from other Special Agents of the FBI, as well as other law enforcement officers.

2. In January, 2011 your Affiant received information from a confidential reliable informant (CRI#1) regarding an individual named Lee (LNU) who was involved in the sale of firearms and methamphetamine. CRI#1 has provided information to your Affiant in the past, which has been independently corroborated and led to the seizure of illegal drugs and the federal indictment of drug traffickers. Lee was later identified as Lee Pao Vue, DOB 05/03/1979. CRI#1 further advised that Vue was selling firearms and methamphetamine from a residence at 1531 Westminster, St. Paul, Minnesota. CRI#1 observed methamphetamine in this residence in January 2011.

3. Based upon information provided by CRI#1, a search warrant was obtained for 1531 Westminster, St. Paul, Minnesota on January 13, 2011 by Task Force Officers from the St. Paul Police Department (SPPD). The search warrant was issued by Ramsey County District Court Judge Edward Wilson.

4. On January 14, a confidential reliable informant (CRI#2) engaged in the controlled purchase of approximately one ounce of methamphetamine and a .40 caliber pistol from Vue at 1531 Westminster, St. Paul, Minnesota. CRI#2 has provided information to your Affiant in the past, which has been independently corroborated and led to the seizure of illegal drugs and the federal indictment of drug traffickers. At the time of the controlled purchase from Vue, CRI#2 was utilizing concealed audio and video recording equipment and FBI Agents and St. Paul Police Department (SPPD) Officers were conducting physical surveillance in the vicinity of 1531 Westminster, St. Paul, Minnesota. CRI#2 paid Vue with \$2400 in pre-recorded FBI buy funds.

5. FBI Agents searched CRI#2 and the vehicle that CRI#2 was riding in before and after the transaction and physical surveillance was maintained by FBI Agents and SPPD Officers during the controlled purchase. On January 14, 2011 at approximately 1250 hours, Agents recovered approximately one ounce of methamphetamine and a .40 caliber pistol with a loaded magazine from CRI#2 that had been provided to CRI#2 by Vue. Officers conducted a field test of the one ounce of methamphetamine obtained from Vue, and the drugs tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

6. Within minutes of completing the drug and gun transaction, Vue departed 1531 Westminister, St. Paul, Minnesota in a 1994 blue Ford Probe, bearing Minnesota License Number SHH-523. This vehicle is registered to Vue. A SPPD marked squad car conducted a traffic stop of Vue's vehicle in St. Paul, and Vue was arrested for probable cause narcotics. In a search of Vue's person incident to his arrest, SPPD Officers recovered all of the \$2400 in pre-recorded FBI buy funds that CRI#2 had used to purchase the methamphetamine and the pistol. Also, pursuant to a

subsequent inventory and weapons search of Vue's person prior to his transportation to the Ramsey County Jail, officers located an additional quantity of methamphetamine in Vue's jacket pocket.

7. In a subsequent interview with SPPD Officers and FBI Agents, Vue made a post-Miranda recorded statement in which he admitted to the sale of one ounce of crystal methamphetamine and a .40 caliber handgun earlier in the day of January 14, 2011.

8. On January 14, 2011, SPPD Officers and FBI Agents conducted a search of 1531 Westminster, St. Paul, Minnesota pursuant to the Ramsey County search warrant. Officers located a .38 caliber revolver in the basement area near the bedroom where Lee had conducted the earlier sale of methamphetamine and a .40 caliber pistol.

9. A criminal history check of Lee Pao Vue, DOB 05/03/1979, indicates that he has a 2005 felony conviction in Ramsey County District Court for Drugs-5th Degree. Vue is also a prohibited felon and is banned from possessing a firearm.

10. Based upon the foregoing, Your Affiant believes that sufficient probable cause exists to believe that Lee Pao Vue, DOB 05/03/1979, participated in the distribution of illegal drugs in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841.

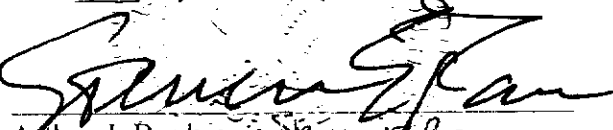
Further your Affiant sayeth not.



Andrew J. Mento, Jr.
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to Before Me

This 18th day of January, 2011.



Arthur J. Boylan
United States Chief Magistrate Judge